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**INFLUENCING THE ACTIVITY**  
**OF PLANT GROWTH**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete the current paragraph entitled "Cross Reference to Related  
Applications," and insert therefor the following replacement paragraph:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial  
No. 09/717,872, filed November 21, 2000, which claims the benefit of continuing United States